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**MINUTES  
of the  
GOVERNING BOARD  
of the  
MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**August 8, 2007**

**I. Call to Order.**

The special meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Vice Chairperson George Lange, at 2:00 p.m. on August 8, 2007 at King Gillette Ranch, 26800 Mullholland Highway Calabasas, California.

**II. Roll Call.**

The roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Hayduk, Jerome C. Daniel, and George Lange, Vice Chairperson. Quorum present. The following member was absent: Michael Berger, Chairperson.

Staff present: Rorie Skei, Deputy Executive Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Walt Young, Chief Ranger; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; Jeff Jones, Chief Financial Officer, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

**III. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.**

No public comment was made.

**IV. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of April 4, 2007, May 2, 2007, and June 6, 2007 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of April 4, 2007, May 2, 2007, and June 6, 2007 were approved as submitted.

**V. Reports.**

The Authority received verbal reports from the Chief Ranger, Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, the Chief of Interpretation, the Director of Facilities and Maintenance, and the Assistant Financial Officer.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Lange, Daniel, and Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger, Chief Executive Officer, Chief of Interpretation, and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

**VI. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the month of July 2007.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Funds to acquire all or a portion of APNs 4467-003-044, 021, 031, 4460-014-006, 008, and 4467-002-060 and 044 in Ramirez and Escondido Canyons, Malibu.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a sole source contract with BusinessWare, Inc. for computer programming services.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement approximately 0.5 acre (APN 4438-035-005), Topanga Watershed.**

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 07-109, 07-110, 07-111, 07-112 were unanimously adopted.

**VII. Consideration of resolution approving the application for grant funds from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for Proposition 40 funding for the Milton Street Site.**

Comments were made by the Chief Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Chief Executive Officer and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-113 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment of Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Proposition 50 grant to implement the Coastal Slope Trail between Kanan Dume Road and Latigo Canyon Road, unincorporated Los Angeles County to add APNs 4467-002-042, 044 and 060.**

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-114 was unanimously adopted.

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing acquisition of an option to purchase approximately 24 acres located adjacent to Ramirez Canyon Park, APNs 4467-002-042, 044 and 060, Unincorporated Los Angeles County: Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Harold D. Lauber. Under consideration: price and terms. (This matter may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.)**

This item was discussed in closed session.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-115 was unanimously adopted as amended.

**X. Consideration of resolution authorizing acquisition of an option to purchase 10 acres located in Encinal Canyon on the Etz Meloy Motorway, APN 694-210-500, unincorporated Ventura County: Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Ed Mora. Under consideration: price and terms. (This matter may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.)**

This item was discussed in closed session.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-116 was unanimously adopted.

**XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of private funds in the amount of \$50,000 to be used to acquire an option to purchase APN 694-210-500, Encinal Canyon, unincorporated Ventura County.**

Comments were made by the Chief Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-117 was unanimously adopted.

**XIII. Statements, questions, and directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.**

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel and the Chief Staff Counsel.

#### **XIV. Closed Session.**

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Government Code §§ 54956.8 and 54956.9. Confidential memoranda related to these items may be considered during such closed session discussions. Conference with legal counsel. Number of cases: 6. (1) *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; (2) *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; (3) *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu, and related litigation*; (4) *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; (5) *Douglas v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, and (6) *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Seven Arrows, a non-profit corporation*.

The Vice Chair announced the Closed Session at 2:59 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 to discuss agenda item IX, X, and the matter of Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Seven Arrows, a non-profit corporation.

The Vice Chair reconvened the open session at 3:30 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to negotiators regarding agenda item IX, X, and the matter of Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Seven Arrows, a non-profit corporation.

#### **XV. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on September 5, 2007.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Vice Chairperson at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP  
Executive Officer

Michael Berger  
Chair